Neighborhood Leadership Starter

Convening people without leaving anyone out

COMMUNITY BUILDER COLLECTION
Neighborhood Leadership
CSUC-CBL-003

Where This Book Fits

> **Collection:** COMMUNITY BUILDER COLLECTION
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> **Pathway:** Neighborhood Leadership
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> **For:** Neighborhood leaders; block captains
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> **Purpose:** Support inclusive convening, listening, communication, and local knowledge.

How to Use This Book

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Selected Source Materials

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Civic Station Community Network Local Infrastructure Resilience Leadership Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-828

CIVIC STATION COMMUNITY NETWORK LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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References: OM-001 through OM-827

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for developing, supporting, and coordinating leaders responsible for guiding infrastructure awareness systems, maintenance networks, service partnerships, improvement projects, resource coordination, and long-term infrastructure resilience efforts within the Civic Station Community Network.

The Local Infrastructure Resilience Leadership model provides a framework for building leadership capability, supporting responsible decisions, encouraging effective coordination, and maintaining strong infrastructure awareness, stewardship, maintenance, improvement, and resilience systems.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Local infrastructure resilience leadership should:

- Develop capable infrastructure leaders • Strengthen system

coordination • Support communities and partners • Improve decision making • Encourage accountability • Sustain resilience networks

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3.

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES

Infrastructure resilience leadership should emphasize:

- Service • Responsibility • Communication • Collaboration • Trust •

Continuous improvement

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4.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Infrastructure resilience leaders may assist with:

- Coordinating infrastructure initiatives • Supporting stewardship

networks • Connecting organizations and partners • Guiding improvement projects • Managing community programs • Supporting infrastructure goals

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5.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Organizations should support:

- Identifying leadership potential • Providing training • Creating

mentorship opportunities • Developing skills • Encouraging responsibility • Reviewing leadership effectiveness

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6.

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Civic Stations should provide:

- Leadership guidance • Communication pathways • Training resources •

Collaboration opportunities • Feedback systems • Improvement support

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7.

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT

Organizations should maintain:

- Leadership procedures • Role information • Training records •

Responsibility assignments • Review processes • Improvement plans

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8.

DOCUMENTATION

Maintain records including:

- Leadership guidelines • Role descriptions • Training materials •

Development plans • Review information • Improvement recommendations

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Civic Station local infrastructure resilience leadership capabilities should evolve through experience, feedback, measurement, innovation, and changing community needs.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish a Civic Station local infrastructure resilience leadership network where capable and supported leaders guide infrastructure awareness systems, strengthen stewardship networks, coordinate service partnerships, support improvement projects, manage resources, and help communities build reliable and resilient infrastructure for future generations.

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Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-925

CIVIC STATION COMMUNITY NETWORK LOCAL CAPACITY LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Document ID: OM-925

Title: Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Handbook

Publisher: America Together 2028

Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: OM-001 through OM-924

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for developing, supporting, and coordinating local leaders responsible for guiding skills systems, resource networks, relationships, knowledge preservation, collaboration,

innovation, adaptation, technology, training, and long-term community capability development within the Civic Station Community Network.

The Local Capacity Leadership model provides a framework for building leadership capability, supporting responsible decision-making, encouraging cooperation, and maintaining strong systems that allow communities to develop, share, and strengthen their local capacity.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Local capacity leadership should:

- Develop capable community leaders • Strengthen local coordination •

Support shared decision-making • Improve communication • Encourage accountability • Sustain capability networks

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3.

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES

Local capacity leadership should emphasize:

- Service • Responsibility • Trust • Communication • Collaboration •

Continuous improvement

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4.

LEADERSHIP AREAS

Local capacity leaders may support:

- Skills development systems • Resource networks • Knowledge

preservation • Relationship development • Collaboration efforts • Innovation programs • Adaptation strategies • Technology systems • Training programs

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5.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Organizations should support:

- Identifying leadership opportunities • Providing training • Creating

mentorship systems • Developing leadership skills • Supporting responsibility • Reviewing effectiveness

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LEADERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEMS

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish a Civic Station local capacity leadership network where residents, organizations, volunteers, educators, service providers, partners, and local leaders develop the ability to guide community systems, strengthen skills and resources, preserve knowledge, support collaboration, encourage innovation, advance adaptation, and build communities capable of addressing future challenges.

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Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

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CIVIC STATION COMMUNITY NETWORK LOCAL CAPACITY LEADERSHIP OPERATIONS

HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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Title: Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Operations Handbook

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References: OM-001 through OM-934

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for operating leadership systems that develop, support, coordinate, and sustain local leaders responsible for guiding capability networks, training systems, resources, relationships, knowledge systems, collaboration, innovation, adaptation, and community improvement within the Civic Station Community Network.

The Local Capacity Leadership Operations model provides a framework for maintaining effective leadership structures, supporting responsible decision-making, strengthening coordination, developing future leaders, and ensuring community capacity systems remain guided, connected, and effective.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Local capacity leadership operations should:

- Develop capable leaders • Support leadership continuity • Improve

coordination • Strengthen decision-making • Maintain accountability • Sustain capability networks

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3.

LEADERSHIP OPERATIONS PRINCIPLES

Local capacity leadership operations should emphasize:

- Service • Responsibility • Trust • Communication • Collaboration •

Continuous improvement

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4.

LEADERSHIP OPERATION AREAS

Local capacity leadership operations may include:

- Leadership development • Mentorship systems • Capability coordination
- Training oversight • Resource guidance • Relationship management •

Knowledge stewardship • Innovation support • Adaptation guidance

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5.

LEADERSHIP OPERATIONS PROCESS

Organizations should support:

- Identifying leadership needs • Developing leadership pathways •

Supporting current leaders • Creating mentorship opportunities • Coordinating responsibilities • Reviewing effectiveness

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6.

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Civic Stations should provide:

- Leadership resources • Training opportunities • Communication systems
- Collaboration pathways • Feedback mechanisms • Improvement support

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7.

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT

Organizations should maintain:

- Leadership procedures • Role descriptions • Responsibility records •

Training records • Succession planning • Review processes • Improvement plans

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8.

DOCUMENTATION

Maintain records including:

- Leadership guidelines • Role information • Development plans •

Training materials • Review findings • Improvement recommendations

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Civic Station local capacity leadership operations should evolve through experience, feedback, measurement, innovation, and changing community needs.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish a Civic Station local capacity leadership operations network where residents, organizations, volunteers, educators, service providers, partners, and local leaders develop and sustain effective leadership systems that guide skills development, resources, relationships, knowledge preservation, collaboration, innovation, adaptation, training, and community improvement for future generations.

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Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Systems Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

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CIVIC STATION COMMUNITY NETWORK LOCAL CAPACITY LEADERSHIP SYSTEMS

HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Document ID: OM-945

Title: Civic Station Community Network Local Capacity Leadership Systems Handbook

Publisher: America Together 2028

Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: OM-001 through OM-944

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for establishing leadership systems that develop, support, coordinate, and sustain leaders responsible for guiding capability networks, training systems, resources, relationships, knowledge systems, collaboration, innovation, adaptation, and community improvement within the Civic Station Community Network.

The Local Capacity Leadership Systems model provides a framework for creating durable leadership structures that support responsible guidance, decision-making, coordination, mentorship, continuity, and long-term development of community capability.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Local capacity leadership systems should:

- Develop capable leaders • Support leadership continuity • Strengthen

coordination • Improve decision-making • Encourage responsibility • Maintain capability networks • Support future leadership development

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3.

LEADERSHIP SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

Local capacity leadership systems should emphasize:

- Service • Responsibility • Trust • Communication • Collaboration •

Accountability • Continuous improvement

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4.

LEADERSHIP SYSTEM AREAS

Local capacity leadership systems may include:

- Leadership development pathways • Mentorship systems • Leadership

training • Coordination structures • Responsibility systems • Knowledge stewardship • Resource guidance • Innovation support • Adaptation guidance

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5.

LEADERSHIP SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Organizations should support:

- Identifying leadership needs • Developing leadership pathways •

Creating mentorship opportunities • Supporting current leaders • Preparing future leaders • Reviewing effectiveness

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6.

LEADERSHIP SYSTEM SUPPORT

Civic Stations should provide:

- Leadership resources • Training opportunities • Communication systems
- Collaboration pathways • Feedback mechanisms • Improvement support

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7.

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Civic Station local capacity leadership systems should evolve through experience, feedback, measurement, innovation, and changing community needs.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish a Civic Station local capacity leadership systems network where residents, organizations, volunteers, educators, service providers, partners, and local leaders develop and sustain leadership structures that guide skills, resources, relationships, knowledge, collaboration, innovation, adaptation, training, and community improvement systems for current and future generations.

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- Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

CSA-3190 Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework establishes the enterprise architecture for developing, supporting, coordinating, and improving civic leadership capabilities across communities and organizations. It provides a common structure for cultivating responsible leadership, stewardship, decision-making, collaboration, and long-term civic capacity.

Objectives • Establish a standardized civic leadership architecture. • Improve leadership development and support systems. • Strengthen responsible civic stewardship. • Coordinate leadership capabilities across organizations. • Promote continual improvement of civic leadership practices.

Core Principles

1. Responsible Stewardship Civic leadership should prioritize

responsible service, accountability, and long-term community benefit.

2. Ethical Decision-Making Leaders should use transparent, fair, and

principled approaches when making decisions.

3. Service Orientation Leadership exists to support communities,

organizations, and shared objectives.

4. Collaboration Effective civic leadership requires cooperation among

residents, organizations, institutions, and public entities.

5. Continuous Improvement Leadership capabilities should evolve through

learning, evaluation, and experience.

Framework Components • Leadership Governance • Leadership Development • Training and Education • Decision-Making Support • Mentorship Systems • Leadership Evaluation • Succession Planning • Community Stewardship • Continuous Improvement

Architecture Lifecycle 1. Identify leadership needs. 2. Define leadership capabilities. 3. Develop leadership resources. 4. Provide training and support. 5. Evaluate leadership effectiveness. 6. Strengthen leadership practices. 7. Share lessons learned. 8. Sustain leadership capacity.

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous: • CSA-3189 Civic Participation Reserved Framework

Next: • CSA-3191 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

- CSA-3192 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Planning Framework •

CSA-3193 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Operations Framework • CSA-3194 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Compliance Framework • CSA-3195 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Performance Framework • CSA-3196 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Improvement Framework • CSA-3197 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Readiness Framework • CSA-3198 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Integration Framework • CSA-3199 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Reserved Framework

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- Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

CSA-3191 Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework establishes the leadership structures, oversight responsibilities, decision authority, and accountability mechanisms required to support effective civic leadership systems. It ensures leaders operate with clear responsibilities, ethical standards, transparent processes, and alignment with community stewardship objectives.

Objectives • Establish clear governance for civic leadership systems. • Define leadership roles, responsibilities, and authority. • Promote ethical decision-making and accountability. • Coordinate leadership development across organizations. • Support continual governance improvement.

Core Principles

1. Accountability Civic leaders should have clearly defined

responsibilities and should be accountable for their decisions and actions.

2. Transparency Leadership processes and decisions should be documented

and communicated appropriately.

3. Ethical Stewardship Leadership authority should be exercised

responsibly and in service of community interests.

4. Collaboration Leadership governance should encourage cooperation

among organizations, institutions, and communities.

5. Continuous Improvement Governance systems should evolve through

evaluation, feedback, and lessons learned.

Framework Components • Governance Charter • Leadership Roles • Authority Structure • Decision Frameworks • Ethics Standards • Oversight Processes

- Leadership Evaluation • Succession Governance • Governance Improvement

Governance Lifecycle 1. Establish leadership governance structure. 2. Define leadership responsibilities. 3. Establish decision authority. 4. Monitor leadership effectiveness. 5. Review governance practices. 6. Resolve leadership challenges. 7. Implement improvements. 8. Sustain governance maturity.

Governance Responsibilities

Leadership should: • Maintain clear organizational direction. • Support ethical leadership practices. • Review leadership performance. • Encourage responsible decision-making. • Develop future leadership capacity. • Promote trust and accountability.

Performance Indicators

Example measures include: • Governance review completion • Leadership accountability assessments • Ethics compliance • Decision process effectiveness • Leadership development participation • Succession readiness • Governance improvement completion

Relationship to the Universal Core

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- Universal Core Civic Leadership Planning Framework

CSA-3192 Universal Core Civic Leadership Planning Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Planning Framework establishes standardized planning processes for developing, organizing, and improving civic leadership capabilities. It provides a structured methodology for identifying leadership needs, defining development goals, coordinating resources, preparing future leaders, and aligning leadership growth with community stewardship objectives.

Objectives • Develop coordinated civic leadership plans. • Align leadership development with organizational and community needs. • Identify leadership capabilities and development requirements. • Coordinate leadership resources and opportunities. • Support continual leadership planning improvement.

Core Principles

1. Strategic Alignment Civic leadership planning should support

organizational missions, community priorities, and long-term stewardship goals.

2. Capability Development Planning should identify and strengthen the

knowledge, skills, and abilities required for effective leadership.

3. Inclusive Opportunity Leadership development opportunities should

encourage broad participation and accessible pathways.

4. Resource Stewardship Time, expertise, training resources, and

organizational support should be planned responsibly.

5. Continuous Improvement Leadership plans should evolve through

evaluation, feedback, and lessons learned.

Framework Components • Leadership Needs Assessment • Capability Analysis

- Development Planning • Training Planning • Mentorship Planning •

Succession Planning • Resource Planning • Risk Planning • Planning Review

Planning Lifecycle 1. Identify leadership requirements. 2. Assess current leadership capabilities. 3. Define development priorities. 4. Create leadership plans. 5. Coordinate resources and responsibilities.

6. Implement development activities. 7. Evaluate outcomes. 8. Improve

leadership planning processes.

Planning Responsibilities

Organizations should: • Conduct leadership needs assessments. • Maintain current leadership development plans. • Identify future leadership requirements. • Coordinate training and mentorship opportunities. • Document planning decisions. • Review development outcomes. • Update plans based on experience.

Performance Indicators

Example measures include: • Leadership planning completion rate • Development opportunity availability • Training participation • Mentorship engagement • Succession planning readiness • Capability improvement • Planning improvement implementation

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous: • CSA-3190 Civic Leadership Architecture Framework • CSA-3191 Civic Leadership Governance Framework

Next: • CSA-3193 Civic Leadership Operations Framework • CSA-3194 Civic Leadership Compliance Framework • CSA-3195 Civic Leadership Performance Framework • CSA-3196 Civic Leadership Improvement Framework • CSA-3197 Civic Leadership Readiness Framework • CSA-3198 Civic Leadership Integration Framework • CSA-3199 Civic Leadership Reserved Framework

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Reference and Library Connections

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Leadership
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Framework
: See the source modules and topic finder for uses of this term.

Systems
: See the source modules and topic finder for uses of this term.

Improvement
: See the source modules and topic finder for uses of this term.

Local
: See the source modules and topic finder for uses of this term.

Should
: See the source modules and topic finder for uses of this term.

Support
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Development
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Training
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Leaders
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Network
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Topic and Source Finder

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Related Publications

- Neighborhood Project Practice (CSUC-CBL-004)
- Volunteer Starter (CSUC-CBL-001)
- Volunteer Coordination Practice (CSUC-CBL-002)
- Civic Station Foundations (CSUC-FND-001)
- Core Reference Edition (CSUC-REF-001)

Archive Connection

The Civic Station source archive remains the source record for this publication and the larger library.

Edition Information

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What to Read Next

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